

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A conveyor device for a flexible substrate, said conveyor device comprising:
- a conveying means for continuously conveying a flexible substrate from one end to the other end;
- 5 a plurality of cylindrical rollers being provided between the one end and the other end along an arc with a radius R;
- wherein center axes of the plurality of cylindrical rollers run parallel to each other; and
- a mechanism for conveying the flexible substrate while the substrate is in
- 10 contact with each of the plurality of cylindrical rollers.
2. A device according to claim 1,
- wherein the radius R of the arc is in a range of 0.5 to 10 m.
3. A film formation apparatus for a flexible substrate, said film formation apparatus comprising:
- 15 a conveying means for continuously conveying a flexible substrate from one end to the other end;
- a plurality of cylindrical rollers being provided between the one end and the other end along an arc with a radius R;
- wherein center axes of the plurality of cylindrical rollers run parallel to each
- 20 other; and
- a mechanism for conveying the flexible substrate while the substrate is in contact with each of the plurality of cylindrical rollers.
4. An apparatus according to claim 3,

wherein the radius R of the arc is in a range of 0.5 to 10 m.

5. An apparatus according to claim 3 further comprising:

a vacuum chamber;

an introducing means for introducing a gas into the vacuum chamber;

5 a gas evacuation means; and

an energy supplying means for supplying an energy to make a plasma from the  
gas.

6. An apparatus according to claim 3,

wherein the film formation apparatus is a plasma CVD apparatus.

10 7. An apparatus according to claim 5,

wherein the energy is an electromagnetic wave.

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